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1. IN VIEW OF USCO'S INABILITY TO ELICIT MORE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MIN. HEALTH REGARDING SUBJECT S/M-E, SUBSEQUENT EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA FROM KNOWLEDGEABLE LOCAL SOURCES. USCO HAS NOW BEEN INFORMED THAT USSR MAY BUILD AS MANY AS 20 CARDIOLOGICAL CENTERS DURING NEXT FOUR YEARS. SHOWPIECE WILL BE ALL-UNION CENTER FOR CARDIAC RESEARCH TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN MOSCOW, WHERE A REPORTED \$5 MILLION IS TO BE SPENT FOR BASIC EQUIPMENT. AS NOTED IN SILVERBERG REPORT, OVERALL INTEREST HERE IS HEAVILY WEIGHED IN FAVOR OF EQUIPMENT FOR BASIC AND CLINICAL RESEARCH RATHER THAN TREATMENT AND MEDICAL CARE AND USCO THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT RECRUITMENT STRESS THIS FACT. WE UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT THERE IS STRONG INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF TURNKEY BIOMEDICAL LABORATORIES, CENTRIFUGES, AND SPECTROMETERS.

2. USCO'S RECOMMENDATION IS TO RECRUIT FIRMS PRODUCING THE BASIC EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT CARDIOLOGICAL RESEARCH FACILITY. NAME OF EVENT COULD BE CARDIORESEARCH '78. WOULD SUGGEST UNCLASSIFIED

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TRYING TO OBTAIN PARTICIPANTS IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES
--NAMES OF POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS FOLLOWS IN BRACKETS.

A. BASIC BIO-CHEMISTRY EQUIPMENT IN THE AREA OF CHROMATOGRAPHY. THIS WOULD INCLUDE EQUIPMENT FOR BLOOD CHEMISTRY ANALYSIS, AND TISSUE CULTURE WORK. (TRACOR, ALL-TECH SCIENTIFIC, WATER ASSOCIATES, SPECTROPHYSICS, H-P, VARIAN, FINNEGAN,

TECHNICON).

B. BASIC SPECTROFOTOMETERS--FOR BLOOD CHEMISTRY ANALYSIS
(TURNER, AMINCO, BAUSCH IND LOMB AND PERKIN-ELMER).

C. ELECTROPHORISIS EQUIPMENT--THIS IS USED TO DETERMINE
SEVERITY OF A HEART ATTACK (GELMAN, HELENA, KONTES, BECKMAN).

D. CENTRIFUGES, USED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, FOR SEPARATING
RED AND WHITE BLOOD CELLS (SORVAL DIVISION OF DUPONT, IEC
(DAMON DIVISION), UNION CARBIDE, BECKMAN).

E. MISCELLANEOUS LABORATORY EQUIPMENT--PH METERS, SAMPLING
DEVICES, HOMOGENIZERS (CORNING, ORION).

3. AS YET WE HAVE NOT HAD MUCH SUCCESS IN OBTAINING ANY INPUT
REGARDING S/M-E FROM U.S. EXCHANGEES HERE UNDER U.S.-U.S.S.R.
HEALTH EXCHANGE AGREEMENT. USDOC MAY WISH TO CONTACT ADMINIS-
TRATORS OF HEALTH AGREEMENT ON U.S. SIDE TO SOLICIT THEIR
RECOMMENDATIONS AND SEE IF SOME COORDINATION BETWEEN HEALTH
EXCHANGE AND S/M-E IS POSSIBLE. IN OUR DISCUSSION WITH MEZHE-
VITINOV JUNE 22 HE MENTIONED THAT SUCH COORDINATION WOULD BE
DESIRABLE. APPROPRIATE CONTACTS ARE: DR. ROBERT FISHER, U.S.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, U.S.-U.S.S.R. HEALTH COOPERATION AGREEMENT
OIH/THS/HEW, RM. 1875 PARK LAWN BLDG. ROCKVILLE, MD. (TEL.
443-4560) AND DR. LOWELL HARMISON, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT
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SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, HEW. DR. HARMISON HAS JUST
RETURNED FROM TWO-WEEK TOUR OF SOVIET CARDIOLOGICAL INSTITUTES.
OTHER POSSIBLE FACILITIES WHICH USCO HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED TO CONTACT
ARE HEART LUNG DIVISION NIH AND/OR NIH FACILITY AT HERSHEY, PA.
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